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Troops Leaving Rathenow Post

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At 2:45 p.m. on 13 April, a train consisting of 6 flatcars with sideracks and 1 boxcar carrying M-13 rocket launchers, 1 officer and 9 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived at the Rathenow railroad station from Jueterbog. The shipment had been dispatched by [ ] The unit went to the Pionier Kaserne.<sup>1</sup> The following trains with units from the Infanterie Kaserne were dispatched at Rathenow for Altengrabow:

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On 19 April: A train [ ] consisting of 20 boxcars, 33 flatcars, 106 axles and a load of 905 tons which included 20 x 160-mm mortars, trucks and a field kitchen was dispatched at 4:21 p.m.; a train [ ] consisting of 12 boxcars and 31 flatcars, 51 axles and a load of 702 tons including 20 x 160-mm mortars trucks [ ] and 2 field kitchens was dispatched at 10:05 p.m.

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On 20 April: A train [ ] consisting of 11 boxcars and 28 flatcars, 98 axles, a load of 722 tons including 24 x 160-mm mortars, 1 field kitchen and trucks [ ] was dispatched at 5:20 a.m.; a train [ ] consisting of 24 boxcars and 11 flatcars, 70 axles and a load of 595 tons including supply trucks and billeting equipment was dispatched at 9:45 a.m.; a train [ ] consisting of 13 boxcars, and 32 flatcars, 102 axles and a load of 752 tons including about 20 x 160-mm mortars, 2 field kitchens and trucks was dispatched at 1:32 p.m.; a train [ ] consisting of 16 boxcars and 16 flatcars, 70 axles and a load of 458 tons including supply trucks and billeting equipment was dispatched at 11:01 p.m.

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On 21 April: A train [ ] consisting of 23 boxcars and 9 flatcars with trucks, billeting equipment and 1 field kitchen, 66 axles and a load of 414 tons was dispatched at 3:56 a.m. On 21 April, the Infanterie Kaserne was lighted at dusk. It appeared that only 1 guard detail was still in the installation. The entrainment of units from the Pionier Kaserne began after 10 a.m. on 21 April. Observed were trucks, 16 x 122-mm howitzers and 2 field guns of 76.2 mm on a train. Another four trains were said to be loaded.<sup>2</sup> [ ]

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trains that were loaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station included 5 on 15 April, 4 on 16 April and 5 on 17 April. 3

- 25X1C 1. [ ] belongs to the rocket launcher repair shop of the GDFC in Vuensdorf.

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- 25X1A 2. [ ] Comment. [ ] reported the begin of the loading of the 65th Fort Frig (US) for Altengrabow on 19 April 1953. [ ] The present report indicates that the brigade needed seven trains for the transfer and that 84 mortars had been loaded. It is possible however that equipment and trucks of the 18th Army Div from the Infanterie Kaserne were loaded. The T/S carried here indicates however that the brigade has not more than 64 mortars. It is believed that the loading of the 18th How Arty Frig (US) from the Pioneer Kaserne started after 21 April.

- 25X1A 3. [ ] Comment. [ ] units of the 20th Army AT Arty Frig (US) were loaded in Brandenburg for shipment to Altengrabow, and units of the 10th Gds Tank Div were loaded in Brandenburg for shipment to Letzing Heath, during the period from 14 to 17 April. The units were loaded onto a total of 13 trains. [ ]

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